ment Projects. NCDC has so far released an amount of Rs. 4.56 crores to the Government of Maharashtra. In addition the Government of India is also giving financial assistance to National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd. which is involved in coordination and promotion of fishing industry in the country through cooperatives. The Group Accident Insurance Component of the Centrally Sponsored National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme provides for insurance cover to the fishermen in case of death, permanent disability and temporary disability. Under the scheme the fishermen are insured for Rs. 25,000/- for one year against death or permanent disability and for Rs. 12,500/- against partial disability. The cost of annual premium is shared equally between the Central Government and the State Governments. The Government of Maharashtra is, however, not participating in the Group Accident Insurance Component of the Scheme and is instead implementing a scheme called State Fishermen Relief Fund under which a compensation of Rs. 25,000/- is paid to the legal heir of the fishermen in case of his death. The amount of compensation has been enhanced by the State Government from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- from September, 1996 onwards.

Improvement in Railway Time Table

3111. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway Time Tables are not geared to easy reading by the travelling public;

(b) whether it is a fact that no changes have been made in the format of time table for the last five years;

(c) whether any effort been made to make the time table consumer friendly; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Improvement in the format, content, presentation and readability of the Time Tables is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Streamlining of tables with separate tables for Express and Passenger trains, Station index and Table index contribute to better and easier reference of the Time Table. Considerable uniformity in the format and presentation of information has been done in the Zonal Railway Time Tables during last few years. For ready reference the list of cities having computerised reservation facilities has been included in the Trains at a Glance. Every effort has been made to delete irrelevant information which make the Time Tables bulky and cumbersome. To improve readability for the user separate colour tubes to distinguish Rajdhani/Shatabdi, Superfast and other Express trains has been started on an experimental basis for October 96 issue of Trains at a Glance on certain zonal railways.

Increase in the capacity of Gas based Fertilizer Plants

3112. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to double the capacities of gas based fertilizer plants at Jagdishpur and Anunla in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which additional gas is likely to be allocated to these plants so as to enable them to double their capacities as planned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS